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When you are ready to plant, soak your Hibiscus until the water runs freely out of the bottom of the can. Set it aside and prepare the hole with barnyard compost, peat, well-rotted cow or sheep manure. A gallon can of any one would be about right and add at least that amount of the soil from the hole you have dug. Mix this thoroughly, turning it over and over.

Your next step would be to cut the can holding the plant, and I like to cut the can down two sides as you can easily pull the can away from the root system without disturbing them in the least. Be careful to cover the roots but be sure you do not cover the graft with the soil. Insert a stake as near the plant as possible without interferring with the root system and tie the plant to the stake. This will prevent any whipping of the plant until it has had a chance to establish a new root system. Using the remainder of the soil from the hole make a basin around the plant and fill this basin three or four times with water. This should be sufficient moisture to last two full days. Repeat this every two or three days for about ten days at the end of which time your plant should be sending out roots into the porous soil and then the watering can be cut down to about twice a week. Remember if the wind has been blowing then your plant will dry out much faster and you should water it more often.

I like the soaker type hose for my Hibiscus because it does a good job without the beating that some sprinklers can produce. If you do not use a soaker type hose I would suggest that you turn the water on and let it run slowly from the hose into the basin. It will take a little longer to water your Hibiscus this way but I am sure the end results will be worthwhile. Just be sure that you water thouroughly.

Good luck with your Hibiscus and be sure to enter your bloom in the Hibiscus shows next year.

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"I'm anxious to make this shot," said the golfer. "That's my mother-in-law on the clubhouse porch."

"Don't be silly," his companion replied, "it's 200 yards - you can't hit her from here."

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